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In Annual Message President Says Country Was Never Better Off.

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Business on Solid Basis-Advises Bigger Army and Navy.

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Secretary Wilson points out that of this
year's enormous crops only two, wheat
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make up for the mistake of the last session by appropriations authorizing the Comptroller of the Currency. The livesident was to appoint the governor of the association from three persons to be selected by the directors, while the hoard of directors. The details the hoard of our present difficulties against the Powder trust and the Bath section to furnish the basis for a proper solution of our present difficulties against the Powder trust and the Bath section to the section of the suits. He was gone on the countries of the banks of the board of directors without danger of injecting policies into its management, but I think the formal policies into its management, but I think the formal policies into its management, but I think the formal policies into its management, but I think the formal policies into its management, but I think the formal policies into its management, but I think the formal policies against the Powder trust and the Bath for the plan in general difficulties against the Powder trust and the Bath section of the plan in general difficulties against the Powder trust and the Bath section of the plan in general difficulties against the Powder trust and the Bath section is a section by a section of the plan in general difficulties against the Powder trust and the Bath section is a section by a section of the powder trust and the Bath section is a section by a section of the powder trust and the Bath section is a section by a section of the powder trust and the Bath section is a section of the powder trust and the Bath section is a section of the powder trust and the Bath section is a section by a section of the powder trust and the Bath section is a section of the powder trust and the Bath section is a section of the powder trust and the Bath section is a section by a section of the powder trust and the Bath section is a section by a section of the powder trust and the Bath section is a sectio



all the banks of a country in which banking is free.

The report of the commission recom-mends provisions for the imposition of mends provisions for the imposition of a graduated tax on the expanded currency of such a character as to furnish a motive for reducing the issue of notes. Washington, Dec. 6. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in his annual report a motive for reducing the issue of notes whenever their presence in the money market is not required by the exigencles of trade. In other words, the whole system has been worked out with the greatest care. Theoretically it presents a plan that ought to command support. Practically it may require a modification in various of its provisions in order to make the security against abuses by combinations among the banks impossible. But in the face of the crying necessity that there is for improvement in our present system I urgently invite the attention of Congress to the proposed plan and the report of the commission, with the hope that an earnest consideration may suggest amendments and changes

I have regarded it as my duty in former customs duties ought to be revised down customs duties ought to be revised downward, but that the reduction ought not to be below a rate which would represent the difference in the cost of production between the ariels in question at home and abroad, and for this and other reasons I vetoed several bills which were presented to me in the last session of this Congress. Now that a new Congress has been 1912. The earth has produced have related to a platform of a life for the caturist; now he is like the stone that was rejected by the builders and has beenethed errors for 1912 Secretary Wilson says: "Most productive of all agricultural years in this country has been 1912. The earth has produced the caturist, and has been 1912. The earth has produced the caturist, and has seen 1912. The same that was rejected by the builders and has been the headstone of the corner." basis it is needless for me to occupy the time of this Congress with arguments of

that radical legislation of Aug. 5, 1989, I desire to call attention of Aug. 5, 1909. I desire to call attention to section 38 of that act, assessing a special excise tax on corporations. It contains a provision source of an additional 50 per cent. to the annual tax in cases of neglect to verify the prescribed return or to file it before the time required by law. This additional charge of 50 per cent. operates in some cases as a haish penalty for what may have been a mere inadvertence or unintentional oversight, and the law should be so amended as to mitigate the severity of the charge in such instances. Provision should also be made for the refund of additional taxes heretofore collected because of such infractions in those cases.

Based on the census items of wealth production on farms the grand total for production on farms the grand total for

destrobusiness could hardly be better the four years of the Administration drawing to a close have not developed to speculative expansion or a wide of new investment, the recovery and ress made from the depressing conditional following the panic of 1907 have steady and the improvement has clear and easily traced in the stars. The business of the country is a solid basis. Credits are n t uncextended, and every phase of the control of the country is an a solid basis. Credits are n t uncextended, and every phase of the consisting of the country is an a solid basis. Credits are n t uncextended, and every phase of the consisting of the country is an a solid basis. Credits are n t uncextended, and every phase of the consisting of the country is an a solid basis. Credits are n t uncextended, and every phase of the consisting of the country is a proper proportion of the census and it is about one-eighth more than the wealth produced in 1909.

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FARM PRODUCTS IN 1912 WORTH \$9,532,000,000

Secretary Wilson in Report Says It Is Best Crop by Half a Billion.

RECORD CROP OF CORN

Reaches the Fabulous Amount of \$1,759,000,000-Hay Crop Second in Value.

sets forth impressively the stupendous flood of wealth that has rolled in on this country with the crops of 1912. Secremost productive of all agricultural years

The venerable Secretary reviews the development of the Department of Agriculture during his sixteen years of service which, by the way, constitutes a record official life has extended over three administrations.

"The record of sixteen years has been Administration is the President Taft lays to its adoption for the benefit of the Administration is the President Taft lays to its adoption for the benefit of the lays to its adoption for the lays to its ado and ends with \$9,532,000,000. Then the farmers were loaded with debts that messages to the Congress to urge the re-vision of the tariff upon principles of lowed and grew with unexampled speed, protection. It was my judgment that the Then the farmer was a joke of the cari-Then the farmer was a joke of the cari caturist; now he is like the stone that

> been elected on a platform of a tariff for its greatest annual dividend. The sun revenue only rather than a protective and the rain and the fertility of the soil tariff and is to revise the tariff on that basis it is needless for me to occupy the basis it is needless for me to occupy the but kept on working in cooperation with recommendations in favor of a protective the farmers' efforts to utilize them. The reward is a high general level of Before passing from the tariff law, production. The man behind the plough has filled the nation's larder, crammed

tion of 1911, when the value declined from produced on farms in 1899 be regarded as 100 the wealth produced sixteen years ago or in 1897, is represented by 84 and the wealth produced in 1912 by 202.1 During the sixteen years the farmers' wealth pro-

the sixteen years the tarmers wealth pro-duction increased 141 per cent.

"The array of figures that express the farmers' contribution to national wealth production testifies to the farmers' basic importance to the nation. During the last sixteen years the wealth production on farms, according to the census items, reached the grand total of more than \$105,000,000,000. This stream of wealth

increased from \$3.373,902 in 1908 to \$24,743,045 in 1912.

About sixteen years ago only 500 requests were received weekly for the
Department's publications. Now about
52,000 are called for each week. During
Secretary Wilson's term of service he has
collected 225,000,000 copies of publications over the United States. During the
sixteen years, says the Secretary, the
Department has progressed from the
kindergarten through the primary, middle
and upper grades of development until
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There is the suggestion of a personal valedictory in this concluding paragraph of the venerable Cabinet officer's report:

"Men grow old in service and in years, and cease their labor, but the works of their labor, and the children of their brains will live on, and may whatever of work will live on, and may whatever of work that is in these be ever blooming."

ARMS SENT TO AMERICANS.

U. S. Citizens in Mexico Fear Death at Rebels' Hands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. On appeal from Americans in the State of Durango, Mexico, the sending of a consignment of army rifles to them was authorized to-day by the War Department. The Americans declare that they are in con-

Americans declare that they are in constant danger of attack by revolutionists and Yaqui Indians.

This action has been taken by the War Department several times in the last year to afford Americans in various parts of Mexico means of protecting themselves and their property.

According to despatches to the State Department there has been a recrudescence of rebel activity in Durango and Chihuahua.

CRAMP YARDS WILL BUILD 3 OF 6 NEW DESTROYERS

Pennsylvania's Design Will Be Duplicated in Expected Battleships.

Washington, Dec. 6 .- Awards of conracts for building six torpedo boat detroyers, authorized at the last session of Congress, were made public at the Navy Department this afternoon.

As was expected William Cramp & for three vessels at \$842,000 each; Bath Fore River Shipbuilding Company, Quincy, Mass. one at \$854,000; New York Shipbuilding Company, Camden, N. J., one at \$873,500.

There were two bidders from the Pacific coast, but their bids were so high as to be unacceptable. All the vessels be of the same type, practically identical with those of the latest de sign now in commission.

Bids for the construction pattleship Pennsylvania, authorized by Congress last summer, will be adver-

Congress last summer, will be advertised for by the Navy Department about the end of this month.

Three battleships have been asked for by Secretary Meyer this winter and he expects Congress to authorize their construction. It is the opinion at the Navy Department that the three additional ships, if authorized, will be practically identical with the Pennsylvania, While Secretary Meyer and his naval advisers do not admit that the limit in battleship construction has been reached in the plans for the Pennsylvania it has been the policy to make four ships of about the same type and form them into a division.

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NEW HAVEN OFFICIAL ON STAND.

five preceding years. The lint crop of 1912 may be worth \$735,000,000.

The wheat crop has lost ground in relative importance and value. The crop this year is estimated to be worth \$536,000,000, which has been exceeded in these 202 resulted in death at the time

three new factory buildings at an outlay of \$1,080,575.

There were few changes in working hours and wages during the year, which, in the view of the department, is an indication that the conditions prevailing in industrial circ les are reasonably satisfactory to both employers and wage

GANG LEADER, AGED 17, HELD.

in Clash of Boy Bands Under Bridge Rival Leader Is Stabbed.

For summoning his youthful gang which pursued an enemy and inflicted stab wounds in the back under the Manhattan Bridge on Sunday night, Michael Schultz 17, errand boy, of 35 Henry street, was yesterday held without bail for the Grand Jury by Magistrate Barlow in the Tombs

farm products is over a billion dollars. They are sufficient alone to pay the expenses of the national Government. The balance of trade in favor of exports of farm products was \$278,000,000 in 1912 and it is added that the favorable balance has been maintained since 1908 for the reason that the imports have increased faster than the exports.

In reviewing the development of the Department during his sixteen years of service, Uncle Jim Wilson says that the number of employees has grown from 2,444 to 15,848 and the appropriations have The some one in the gang who did the

ARCHBALD VISITED ERIE WHILE HEARING CASES

General Counsel of Railroad Tells of Judge's Call About Culm Banks.

REPORT RICHARDSON ILL

Senators Grumble at Slow Progress, With 142 Witnesses to Be Heard.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. - When the Senate sitting as a court of impeachment in the Archbald case, adjourned late this afternoon it had heard the testimony of five witnesses, of whom four had been ex cused with the certainty that one or more of them will be recalled. The fifth witness, George, F. Conn. manager of the Laurel Electric Line at Scranton, Pa., was still on the stand.

When the court resumed to-day Capt W. A. May, general manager of the Hill side Coal and Iron Company, a subsidiary of the Erie Railroad, took up his testimony at the point where it was interrupted yes terday by adjournment. The Hillside Coal and Iron Company had the chief title to the Katydid culm banks at Moosic, Pa., on which Edward J. Williams, backed by the influence of Judge Archbald. sought an option Capt. May was the officer who first declined to entertain a proposition from Williams and later, after Judge Archbald had talked with the Erie Railroad in New York, granted the option to Williams. Capt. May added nothing to what he had arleady told the House Judiciary Committee. It was evident be was very friendly to Judge Archbald.

George F. Brownell of New York, gen eral counsel of the Erie, testified that Judge Archbaid wrote to him asking for an interview and a few days later called at his office in New York. The Judge told him he was interested in buy ing the Kty did culm banks and wanted information as to the title.

Mr. Browneil said he told the Judge he would have to get the information Sons of Philadelphia got the contracts from George A. Richardson, vice-presi dent of the Erie, and took him and intro-duced him to Mr. Richardson. What took place following the introduction Mr. Brownell could not say. Questioned about the two cases pending before the Commerce Court at the time in which the Erie Railroad was interested, on-relating to lighterage at the Jersey City retminals and the other involving differretimas and the other involving differential coal rates, the witness admitted he argued both matters in the Commerce Court and later in the Supreme Court.

Chairman Clayton, speaking for the House managers, called attention to the fact that George A. Richardson, referred to by Mr. Brownell, who had been subperpaged to appear as a witness, had not

pornaed to appear as a witness, had not responded, and asked that an attachment

chase of the option, he testified, because Judge Archbald wanted the negotiations dropped when newspapers began to print stories of the culm bank deals and connect Judge Archbald with them. While counsel for the House managers were inquiring for the Conn agreement A. S. Worthington, attorney for Judge Archbald, suddenly exclaimed:

"I have the agreement in my pocket."

The couple kept their marriage a secret until a few days ago, when the news reached the bride's mother in an indirect way and she advised a public announcement. Young Mrs White will now give up her studies at Syracuse and spend the Christ-mas holidays on a belated honeymoon trip.

NEW JERSEY NOTES.

Three safe crackers tried to rob the post office at Medford yesterday morning, but were frightened away before they secured any plunder. The office has been robbed several times in the last few years.

While sitting at a desk, writing a letter Bernard U. Tapken of New Brunswick was stricken with heart failure yesterday and

William M. Presser, \$1 years old, a veteran of the civil war, dropped dead at his home in Canden yesterday when he learned that his pension had been increased. The strike that took place Thursday a Mahor & Flockhart's foundry in Newark ended yesterday, when a hundred men who had quit, returned to work, the firn having agreed to a rgise of 25 cents a day

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